

IN THE CLAIMS:

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-23 are Cancelled.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and  
increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein  
the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first  
progressive jackpot.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises  
increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and  
wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second  
progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger  
than the first percentage.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 23 further comprising:~~

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:~~

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

29 (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 23, wherein~~  
~~providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;~~  
~~receiving a wager in the gaming system;~~  
~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;~~  
~~paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive~~  
~~jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;~~  
~~paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning~~  
~~progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager~~  
~~amount being larger than the first wager amount; and~~  
the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 23 wherein~~  
~~providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;~~  
~~receiving a wager in the gaming system;~~  
~~providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;~~

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager;

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines; wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

31. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 23, wherein providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system; receiving a wager in the gaming system; providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;~~  
wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

32. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 23, wherein~~

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the  
wager.

33. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 23, wherein  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a  
number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

34. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ ~~of claim 23, wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive  
jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a  
number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 35 further comprising the steps of:~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and  
increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the  
increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises  
increasing the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein increasing  
the second progressive jackpot comprises increasing the second progressive jackpot by a second  
percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

38. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 35, further comprising the steps of:~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random  
gaming result is the second winning progressive jackpot result and the wager is at least the second  
amount.

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method of claim 35 further comprising the steps of:~~

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot;  
wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

41. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ of claim 35, wherein  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

42. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 35; wherein providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system; receiving a wager in the gaming system; providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;~~

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

43. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 35, wherein providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system; receiving a wager in the gaming system;~~

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

44. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 35, wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and  
paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning  
progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager  
amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the  
wager.

45. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: ~~of claim 35, wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a first winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount; and

paying the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a second winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

46. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method of claim 47 further comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and

paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager; and

increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the wager, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

49. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 48, wherein  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;  
wherein increasing the first progressive jackpot comprises increasing the first progressive  
jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein increasing the second progressive jackpot  
comprises increasing the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the  
second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

50. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method of claim 47, further comprising the steps of:  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and  
resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the  
first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined  
reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot;  
wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

52. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 47, wherein providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system; receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system;  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and  
wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

53. (Currently Amended) The A gaming method comprising the steps of: of claim 47: wherein providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;  
wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and  
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

54. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ of claim 47, ~~wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and  
wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

55. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ of claim 47, ~~wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;  
wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the  
wager.

56. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ of claim 47, ~~wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;

wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

57. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming method comprising the steps of:~~ ~~of claim 47, wherein~~  
providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;  
receiving a wager in the gaming system;  
providing a random gaming result in the gaming system; and  
paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if  
the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result;  
wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising:~~ ~~of claim 58, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

60. (Original) The system of claim 59, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

61. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: of claim 58, wherein a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

62. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: ~~of claim 58: wherein a gaming machine comprising a wager detector; a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;~~  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

63. (Original) The system of claim 62, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

64. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising of claim 58, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is  
a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager  
amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second  
wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

65. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising of claim 58: wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

66. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising: of claim 58, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

67. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: of claim 58, wherein  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is  
a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager  
amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second  
wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

68. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: of claim 58, wherein  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is  
a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager  
amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

69. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: of claim 58, wherein a gaming machine comprising a wager detector; a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: of claim 70, wherein

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein in response to the detector receiving the wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

72. (Original) The system of claim 71, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

73. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising:~~ of claim 70, wherein

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least the second wager amount.

74. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising:~~ ~~of claim 70: wherein~~

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

75. (Original) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

76. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising: of claim 70, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive  
jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is  
a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager  
amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result  
is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second  
wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and  
wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

77. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising: of claim 70: wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;  
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and  
wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

78. (Currently Amended) The A gaming system comprising: ~~of claim 70, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and wherein the wager activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

79. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising: of claim 70, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;  
wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;  
wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;  
wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and wherein the wager activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

80. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising: of claim 70, wherein~~  
a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;  
a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

81. (Currently Amended) ~~The A gaming system comprising:~~ of claim 70, wherein

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

wherein a number of play lines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by the first wager amount.

82. (Original) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming system provides a random gaming result; and

wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result.

83. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector receiving a wager, the gaming system increases a first progressive jackpot and increases a second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

84. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot by a first percentage of the wager, and wherein the gaming system increases the second progressive jackpot by a second percentage of the wager, the second percentage being larger than the first percentage.

85. (Original) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

86. (Original) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

87. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

88. (Original) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager received by any unique linked gaming machine.

89. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a single play line for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

90. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a plurality of play lines for a gaming machine receiving the wager.

91. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

92. (Original) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of play lines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of play lines activated by a first wager amount, the second wage amount being larger than the first wager amount.